

RESOURCES

This section identifies agencies / programs that have identified themselves as being willing to share information on collaboration strategies and services related to children ages birth through five (5) years with disabilities and their families. These resources were identified via a statewide mailing soliciting information. Thus, information in this section is not seen as all inclusive but rather reflective of those agencies / programs that responded to the mailout.

If you would like to nominate your own agency or program for inclusion in any subsequent edition of this TA Guide, you may do so by completing the Resource Contact Form which appears following this section and submitting it to:

Preschool Grant Coordinator
RI Department of Education
Shepard Building
255 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903-3400
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ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (ACF)

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Boston, MA 02203
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Overall agency/program service description - The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is responsible for Head Start, Early Head Start, and other federal programs (see below) which promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities. The Region 1 ACF office monitors and consults with Head Start programs in Rhode Island and throughout New England and helps to clarify policy issues related to Head Start programs.

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Eligibility - The ACF, Region 1 Program Specialist consults with and monitors all Rhode Island Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

Geographic area served - The ACF Region One office covers all Head Start and Early Head Start programs in Rhode Island (and the five other New England States)

Fees - None

Brief summary of services relevant to this population - Through its federal leadership, ACF sees: families and individuals empowered to increase their own economic independence and productivity; strong, healthy, supportive communities having a positive impact on the quality of life and the development of children; partnerships with individuals, front-line service providers, communities, American Indian tribes, Native communities, states, and Congress that enable solutions which transcend traditional agency boundaries; services planned, reformed, and integrated to improve needed access; and a strong commitment to working with people with developmental disabilities, refugees, and migrants to address their needs, strengths, and abilities.

Information on practices or materials available to share with Head Start and Early Head Start Staff - Family involvement; service eligibility (children and families served); service delivery in settings which, to the maximum extent possible, are in natural settings typical for the age of the child and which educate children with disabilities along with children without disabilities; transitions; confidentiality; joint staff training.

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CHILD CARE SUPPORT NETWORK

Child Care Support Network
RIPIN – 175 Main Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
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Fax: 727-4040

Overall agency/program service description – CCSN is a collaboration among: DOH, Connecting for Children & Families – Woonsocket, J. Arthur Trudeau Center - South County and RI Parent Information Network. They provide training and technical assistance to child care providers – both family home and center providers. They also provide workshops and individual consultation to parents of children enrolled in these centers or homes.

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Eligibility - Child enrolled – participating center or home

Geographic Area Served – South County, Woonsocket, Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, East Providence

Fees - None

Brief Summary of Services Related to this Population - Workshop offered to parents on a variety of topics. Individual consultations aimed at connecting families to community resources and special education services.

Information on practices or materials available to share - Family involvement; service delivery in settings which, to the maximum extent possible, are in natural settings typical for the age of the child and which educate children with disabilities along with children without disabilities; resource sharing; transition. Various written resources available.

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CHILD OPPORTUNITY ZONE (COZ) FAMILY CENTERS

Contact Persons

- State Level Contacts:

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Providence, RI 02903

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Fax: 222-3080

E-mail: bburgess@ride.ri.net or ascrizzi@ride.ri.net

- Local Level Contacts: See attached

Overall agency/program service description - COZ services are funded through a partnership of the Department of Education, the Department of Health and MHRH. Training and TA have been available from the state level. The Department of Education also supports a statewide network of COZ Coordinators which meets monthly.

Each COZ Family Center develops a partnership among school, the community and families to ensure that children and families have access to coordinated, school-linked programs and services. They are able to provide these programs and services through school district funds, outposting of community agency staff, private grants, municipal funds, and state dollars. Through partnerships, COZ Family Centers provide access to the following services on-site or through referral:

Children's Learning Environments

- Early Care and Education Programs (Birth to Age Five)
- Before and After School Child Care
- School-Age Enrichment and Education Support
- Youth Development Programs

Physical and Mental Health

- Preventative Health and Safety Programs
- Outreach and Referral
- Screening and Health Promotion

Mental and Emotional Health Support

- Economic Development
- Adult Education
- Home to Work Assistance
- Job Skill Training
- School to Career Transition

Family Support

- Resource Identification and Referral
- Parenting Education and Support
- Family School Connection
- Community Building

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Eligibility - All families in the COZ school community.

Geographic area served - Ten (10) communities (see attached)

Fees - None

Brief summary of services relevant to this population - Examples of COZ services follow.

Guarantee Quality Child Care Choices

1. Through a partnership with Head Start, Even Start, Early Intervention, and the Community Health Center, the *Woonsocket COZ* has organized an aggressive outreach in the community to identify individuals who were interested in becoming licensed family care providers. Through this outreach and an intensive training program, 50 new child care slots have been created in a neighborhood where only one family licensed child care previously existed.
2. The *Bristol Warren COZ* has provided support and assistance to child care providers through the development of a child care network. Over 42 providers have participated in a series of workshops and support groups. By accessing a DHS Child Care Grant, seven (7) additional home care providers received start-up funds for becoming licensed programs in the community.
3. The *Providence COZ* has coordinated a district-wide initiative to expand adult learning and job skill training programs and to provide quality licensed child care at adult learning sites, especially for preschool children. Through a partnership among the Providence School Department, Providence COZ Family Centers, Community Centers, Job Link, RIRAL, Central Directory for Nurses and the Department of Labor and Training, adult learning and job skill training programs are now offered in neighborhood community centers with over 150 additional child care slots for young children in licensed programs located at these community centers.
4. *Pawtucket - Central Falls Starting Points* is developing a peer support group among home-based child care providers including both licensed and unlicensed informal caregivers. Through a partnership with CHILDSPAN, Meeting Street Center, the Family Support Center, and Progreso Latino, a group of 15 child care and informal providers are meeting together to build an agenda towards improving the quality of child care.

Promote Responsible Parenthood

1. The *Newport COZ Family Center* has leveraged a grant through the Children's Trust Fund to implement a Parents as Teachers home visiting program, focused on supporting families in their role as

parents and their child's first teacher. Through this program, families are provided with information on issues relating to child development, nutrition and safety and are linked to additional services such as Early Head Start, adult literacy and job skill training, and health services. In addition, families have the opportunity to participate in a parent education and support group located in the neighborhood. Over 35 families have participated in this home visiting program.

2. At the *Providence Dorcus Gilbert Stuart COZ*, parents identified the need to develop skills to gain employment. As a result of this need, the Family Center offers ESL, literacy, GED and computer training. Through a series of 12 sessions over 65 parents have participated in these trainings. Adults who have completed trainings have been referred to additional job skill training programs, job mentoring programs or job placement services.
3. The *Central Falls COZ* has promoted neighborhood-based family involvement through the inclusion of parents on the COZ Family Center Governance. This Board consists of over 51% family members and has resulted in over 20 parents participating in leadership training. As members of the Board, families make decisions on the design, implementation, and evaluation of the services at the Family Center.

Ensure Good Health and Protection

1. The *Crantson COZ* has organized an extensive outreach through a partnership with Head Start, the Community Action Program, schools and churches, with the purpose of lining uninsured families to Rite Care. Implementation strategies have included the broad distribution of eligibility information to families, which have been translated into Spanish and Cambodian. Information meetings with an on site application for eligibility has been hosted at the Family Centers. Door to door contact by family outreach workers has occurred in targeted areas in the community. Through these strategies, over 50 families have completed the application process for medical coverage through Rite Care.
2. Because of high levels of lead poisoning, the *East Providence COZ* has partnered with the municipal government to offer lead screenings for preschool children at 15 neighborhood elementary schools and early childhood programs in the community. This resulted in over 200 children being screened with 25 referrals for further lead testing. In addition, Parent Education on lead poisoning prevention has been offered to day care and preschool programs and at schools.

Community Outreach and Public Engagement

1. In *Bristol Warren*, the COZ has created a partnership with community agencies serving families of young children in order to develop a coordinated universal home visit for families with newborns. This one time home visit provides families with a giftpack which includes information on health and development, as well as the resources and services that a family could access in the community. Families are referred to programs such as Early Head Start, the PAT program, and health services. Partners meet on a consistent basis to coordinate referrals, and to review data and family feedback from these home visits. Each year, over 300 families with newborns in the community will participate in the universal home visit program.

Information on practices or materials available to share - Family Involvement and activities relevant to each respective COZ.

Rhode Island CHILD OPPORTUNITY ZONE (COZ) Family Center Coordinators

Bristol-Warren

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Warren, RI 02885
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Fax: 247-3743
e-mail: rid23808@ride.ri.net

Central Falls

Mario Papitto
Central Falls School Department
21 Hedley Avenue
Central Falls, RI 02863
Phone: 727-7700, Ext. 123
Fax: 727-7722

Cranston

Maureen Greaves
Gladstone Street School
50 Gladstone Street
Cranston, RI 02920
Phone: 943-3029
Fax: 943-3029

Middletown

Katie Jones
Forest Avenue School
315 Forest Avenue
Middletown, RI 02842
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Newport

Christine Arouth
Sullivan School
Dexter Street
Newport, RI 02840
Phone: 845-8579
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North Kingstown

Donna Thompson
Davisville Elementary School
50 East Court
North Kingstown, RI 02852
Phone: 541-6340
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e-mail: ride2126@ride.ri.net

Pawtucket

Mary Parella
Cunningham School
40 Baldwin Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Phone: 729-6293
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Providence

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Dorcas Place
270 Elmwood Avenue
Providence, RI 02907
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Westerly

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Westerly High School
23 Ward Avenue
Westerly, RI 02891
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Woonsocket

Terry Curtin
Connecting for Children & Families
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Woonsocket, RI 02895
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CHILDSPAN: RI'S CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION TRAINING SYSTEM

Diane McAleer, Project Manager
CHILDSPAN
500 Prospect Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
phone: 401 729-0765
fax: 401 727-2810
e-mail: childspan@childspan.net

Overall agency/program service description - Provides training and professional development opportunities to early care and education and school age/youth services providers statewide; supports family child care homes, community programs, Head Starts, and public school preschools and kindergartens in obtaining accreditation; operates a statewide lending library.

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Eligibility - All licensed and unlicensed child care and school age/youth services providers

Geographic area served - Statewide

Fees - Varies

Information on practices or materials available to share - Family involvement; Individual program planning; Service delivery in settings which, to the maximum extent possible, are in natural settings typical for the age of the child and which educate children with disabilities along with children without disabilities; Resource sharing; Transition; and Joint staff training. Information is available through our lending library, trainings, mini-course, conferences and accreditation projects.

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DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND (DSSRI)

Claudia Lowe, Coordinator
Down Syndrome Society Of Rhode Island
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Cranston, RI 02920
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E-mail: DSSRI@AOL.com

Overall agency/program service description - The Down Syndrome Society of RI (DSSRI) is dedicated to promoting the rights, dignity and potential of all individuals with Down Syndrome through advocacy, education, public awareness and support.

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Eligibility - All are eligible.

Geographic Area Served - State of Rhode Island, nearby Massachusetts and Connecticut

Fees - \$15.00 per year membership

Brief Summary of Services Related to this Population - DSSRI offers our members and other interested individuals general membership meetings in September, November, January, February, March, April, May and June, on a variety of topics. DSSRI Quarterly published four times a year (parent newsletter).

Information on practices or materials available to share - Being a parent support group, DSSRI provides support in many areas. DSSRI is not, however, a direct service agency.

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EARLY HEAD START

See local Early Head Start program contact information on attached list.

Overall agency/program service description - Early Head Start is a national program, initiated in 1994, which provides comprehensive child development services to low-income families with children under three and to pregnant women. Early Head Start focuses on four cornerstones essential to quality programs: child development, family development, community building and staff development.

The purpose of Early Head Start is to: enhance children's physical, social, emotional and cognitive development; enable parents to be better caregivers of and teachers to their children; and help parents meet their own goals, including that of economic independence.

Programs have a broad range of flexibility in how they provide these services. Among the models are full year programs that emphasize center-based, home-based child care and home visiting, and programs that provide combinations of these service options depending on local family and community need.

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Eligibility - Pregnant women or families with children age birth to three whose income falls within the federal poverty income guidelines and whose circumstances are compatible with the priorities identified by the local Early Head Start program's selection criteria. At least 10 percent of the enrollment opportunities in each program must be made available to children with disabilities as defined by Rhode Island's early intervention criteria.

Geographic area served - As of the program year 2000-2001, Early Head Start programs (either center-based, home-based, or combinations of both) serve families from the following towns: Child, Inc. (Coventry, East Greenwich, Warwick, West Warwick, West Greenwich); Children's Friend and Service (Central Falls); Comprehensive Community Action (Cranston); New Visions for Newport County (Jamestown, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton); Self-Help/East Bay Head Start (Barrington, Bristol, East Providence, Warren); Tri-Town (Johnston, Burrillville, North Providence, Scituate, Smithfield, North Smithfield, Foster, Gloucester).

Fees - Early Head Start services are free to families. If parents choose to enroll their children in child care that extends outside of the Early Head Start hours, they may be assessed fees based on their income.

Brief summary of services relevant to this population - The services provided by Early Head Start programs are designed to reinforce and respond to the unique strengths and needs of each child age birth through three and his/her family and include the following: quality early education in and out of the home; home visits, especially for families with newborns and other infants; parent education, including parent-child activities; comprehensive health services, including services to women before, during and after pregnancy; nutrition; and ongoing support for parents through case management and peer support groups; referral and coordination with early intervention for services for infants and toddlers with disabilities; and transition services.

Information on practices or materials available to share - Family involvement; Child outreach / Child Find screening, referrals, and evaluations; service eligibility (children and families served); individual program

planning; primary and related services; service delivery in settings which, to the maximum extent possible, are in natural settings typical for the age of the child and which educate children with disabilities along with children without disabilities; transitions; confidentiality; records transfer; joint staff training; and sharing child count data.

See Head Start Program Performance Standards for regulations governing the practices listed above in all Head Start programs or contact individual programs for information specific to local arrangements.

Resource Contact Form

EARLY INTERVENTION (EI)

Contact persons:

- David Hamel, Director, 401-222-4632
- Ruth Schennum, Ph.D., CSPD Coordinator, 401-222-5926
- Susan Curley, Ph.D., Client Services Coordinator, 401-222-4625
- Lori Figuiera, Administrative Assistant, 401-222-4629
- Christine Robin, Management Information Coordinator, 401-222-5956
- Neil Young, Policy Coordinator, 401-222-5940
- Henryce Zannini, Special Projects Coordinator, 401-222-5941
Department of Health, Division of Family Health
3 Capitol Hill, Room 302
Providence, RI 02908-5097
Fax: 401-222-5957
E-mail: daveh@doh.state.ri.us

Overall agency/program service description – The Department of Health is the designated lead agency for Early Intervention (EI). EI is a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated multidisciplinary interagency system of care. The purpose of EI is to promote the development of infants and toddlers with developmental challenges. EI is designed to serve eligible children from birth to three (3) years old and their families. The foundation of EI is the collaboration between families and professionals. To provide accessibility to services statewide, the Department of Health has contracts with 7 multi service, local agencies and three specialized programs. (See attached contact list).

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Eligibility – Children who are less than three (3) years old, who are experiencing developmental delays, have certain diagnosed conditions or whose circumstances may result in significant developmental problems are eligible.

Geographic area served – The State of Rhode Island

Fees – The program will serve any eligible child regardless of ability to pay, but will seek Medicaid and private health insurance reimbursement when available.

Brief summary of services relevant to this population –

1. Evaluation and Assessment – A multidisciplinary team evaluation is offered to each child referred to determine eligibility, assess the unique strengths and needs of the child and to identify the services appropriate to meet those needs. A family-driven assessment of the resources, priorities and concerns of the family is conducted and the supports and services necessary to enhance the family's capacity to meet the developmental needs of the child are identified.

2. Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) – The IFSP is an individually designed, comprehensive plan developed in collaboration with the family. The IFSP identifies, organizes and coordinates all of the appropriate services.
3. Family-focused Service Coordination – Services are coordinated for each family through an active partnership between families and professionals. A service coordinator is selected who works with families and other agencies to assure quality services, without fragmentation and duplication.
4. Procedural Safeguards – Families in EI have certain rights. They must receive written notice and give consent before their child is evaluated and before services begin. Parents do not have to accept all proposed services. Records are open to the parents. There are procedures for resolving complaints.
5. Services Coordinated by Early Intervention – EI coordinates the appropriate services each child and family needs as written in the IFSP. To the maximum extent appropriate, these services are provided in natural environments. These services may include:

*Audiology	*Medical Services	*Service Coordination
*Assistive Technology	*Nursing Services	*Social Work Services
*Family Counseling & Training	*Nutrition Services	*Special Instruction
*Health Services	*Occupational Therapy	*Speech/Language Therapy
*Home Visits	*Physical Therapy	*Transportation
*Interpreter Services	*Psychological Services	*Vision Services

This list is not exhaustive. Additional services may be included, if appropriate. For example, in Rhode Island there are many opportunities to promote family-child, parent-parent, and child-child interactions through:

*Child-centered groups	*Parent support & education groups
*Home programs	*Parent-toddler groups
*Integrated group placements	*Parent to parent training
*Parent-infant groups	*Toys & lending library

Information on practices or materials available to share – Family involvement; Child Outreach/Child Find screening, referrals, and evaluations; Service eligibility (children and families served); Individualized Family Service Plan Development program planning; Primary and related services; Services in natural settings and Transition; Confidentiality; Records transfer; Joint staff training; and Sharing child count data.

The EI program has policy and procedures and informational materials regarding the above topics. This information can be accessed by contacting 1-800-942-7434.

The Rhode Island Department of Health
Division of Family Health
3 Capitol Hill, Room 302
Providence, RI 02908-5097
1-800-942-7434
www.health.state.ri.us

Early Intervention Providers
January, 2001

Trudeau Memorial Center
250 Commonwealth Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886
Virginia Stack; 823-1731

James L. Maher Center
120 Hillside Avenue
Newport, RI 02840
Kathleen Cross; 848-2660

Meeting Street Center
667 Waterman Avenue
East Providence, RI 02914
Ernest Van Deusen; 438-9500

Family Resources Community Action
245 Main Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
Ann Felice; 766-0900

Children's Friend & Service
621 Dexter Street
Central Falls, RI 02863
Teresa DeBoise; 725-0008

Family Service
55 Hope Street
Providence, RI 02906
Lee Ann Beaupre; 331-1350

Hasbro Children's Hospital
593 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02903
Maura Taylor; 444-3201

Trudeau Memorial Center
350 Kingstown Road
Narragansett, RI 02882
Virginia Stack; 783-6853

Specialty EI Services

RI School for the Deaf
1 Corliss Park
Providence, RI 02908
Mary Jane Johnson; 222-4013

RI School for the Deaf
EI Vision Specialist
1 Corliss Park
Providence, RI 02908
Flo Peck; 222-1045

Groden Center, Inc.
86 Mt. Hope Avenue
Providence, RI 02902
Leslie Weidenman; 274-6310

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FAMILY VOICES OF RHODE ISLAND

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Family Voices Of Rhode Island
175 Main Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
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Overall agency/program service description - Grassroots network of families and friends of children with disabilities and/or chronic illness. Providing information, education support and advocacy. Part of national grassroots network.

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Eligibility - Any kind of “special need.”

Geographic Area Served - State of Rhode Island

Fees - None

Brief Summary of Services Related to this Population

1. Bi-monthly mailings – newsletters and other information
2. Bi-monthly group meetings
3. Training
4. Policy advice

Information on practices or materials available to share - Family involvement

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HEAD START

See local Head Start program contact information on attached list.

Additional resource:

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Department of Human Services
600 New London Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920
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Overall agency/program service description - Head Start is a national program which provides comprehensive developmental services for low-income, preschool children ages three to five and social services for their families. (See also Early Head Start Resource Contact Form for services for pregnant women and children from birth through age three). Specific services for children in Head Start focus on education, socio-emotional development, physical and mental health, and nutrition. At least 10 percent of the enrollment opportunities in each program must be made available to children with disabilities. In Rhode Island eight community-based nonprofit organizations have developed Head Start programs to meet locally identified community needs.

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Eligibility - Families of children age three to five whose income falls within the federal poverty income guidelines and whose circumstances are compatible with the priorities identified by the local Head Start program's selection criteria. At least 10 percent of the enrollment opportunities in each program must be made available to children with disabilities as defined in the Head Start Performance Standards.

Geographic area served - See Head Start program contact information on attached list for location of Rhode Island programs.

Fees - Head Start services are free to families. If parents choose to enroll their children in child care that extends outside of Head Start hours, they may be assessed fees based on their income.

Brief summary of services relevant to this population -

1. *Education* - Head Start's educational program is designed to meet the needs of each child, the community served, and its ethnic and cultural characteristics. Every child receives a variety of learning experiences to foster intellectual, social, and emotional growth. Programs strive to individualize for all children, including providing services in natural settings for children with IEPs in collaboration with school districts and other community resources.

2. *Health* - Head Start emphasizes the importance of the early identification of health problems. Every child is involved in a comprehensive health program, which includes immunizations, medical, dental, and mental health, and nutritional services.
3. *Parent Involvement* - An essential part of Head Start is the involvement of parents in parent education, program planning, and operating activities. Many parents serve as members of policy councils and committees and have a voice in administrative and managerial decisions.
4. *Social Services* - Specific services are geared to each family based on their self-assessment and interests. Services include: community outreach; referrals; family partnership plans; recruitment and enrollment of children; emergency assistance and / or crisis intervention, and transition planning.

Information on practices or materials available to share - Family involvement; Child outreach/Child Find screening, referrals, and evaluations; service eligibility (children and families served); individual program planning; primary and related services; service delivery in settings which, to the maximum extent possible, are in natural settings typical for the age of the child and which educate children with disabilities along with children without disabilities; transitions; confidentiality; records transfer; joint staff training; and sharing child count data.

See Head Start Program Performance Standards for regulations governing the practices listed above in all Head Start programs or contact individual programs for information specific to local arrangements.

Contact Information for Local Head Start Programs

<p>CHILD, Inc. - Head Start and Early Head Start Director - Lynda Dickinson Disabilities Coordinator - Michelle Wolstenholme Early Head Start - Sonya Murphy 160 Draper Avenue Warwick, RI 02889 Phone: 737-0403</p>	<p>Children's Friend and Service - Early Head Start Rosemary Soave, Early Head Start Director 153 Summer Street Providence, RI 02903 Phone: 729-9179</p>
<p>Cranston Child Development Center Head Start and Early Head Start Director - Jeanne Rheume Disabilities Coordinator - Judith Soscia Early Head Start - Toni Enright 848 Atwood Avenue Cranston, RI 02920 Phone: 943-5160</p>	<p>New Visions for Newport County Head Start and Early Head Start Director - Cindy Larson Disabilities Coordinator - Kathy Stack Early Head Start - Joel Peckham School 654 Green End Avenue Middletown, RI 02842 Phone: 846-5454</p>
<p>Providence Head Start Director - Sister Barbara McMichael / Mary Dean Disabilities Coordinator - Debra Saul 20 Almy Street Providence, RI 02909 Phone: 272-1760</p>	<p>Self Help / East Bay Head Start Director - Mary Nugent Disabilities Coordinator – Debbi Keith Early Head Start - Janet Marquez 16 Liberty Street Warren, RI 02885 Phone: 245-2833</p>
<p>South County CAP Head Start Director - Carol Hemingway Disabilities Coordinator – Heidi Nordmann 1080 Kingstown Road PO Box 3738 Peace Dale, RI 02883 Phone: 789-3016</p>	<p>Tri-Town Community Action Agency Head Start Director - Susan Connaughton Disabilities Coordinator - Julie Bircher Early Head Start - Rhonda Farrell 1126 Hartford Avenue Johnston, RI 02919 Phone: 351-2750</p>
<p>Woonsocket Head Start and Day Care Director - Karen Bouchard Disabilities Coordinator – Lisa Caswell 2 Bourdon Blvd. Woonsocket, RI 02895 Phone: 769-1850</p>	

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KEYS TO QUALITY ACCREDITATION PROJECT

Keys To Quality Accreditation Project
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500 Prospect Street
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fax: 401 727-2810
e-mail: RICCTS@intap.net

Overall agency/program service description - This project is a collaboration of the RI Department of Education, CHILDSPAN: RI's Child Development and Education Training System, and the RI Department of Human Services. It provides funding and technical assistance (TA) to support local school districts and early care and education programs (Head Start and child care programs) serving young children with and without disabilities in pursuing Accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This process includes three components:

1. Self-Study;
2. Validation by NAEYC validators through an on-site visit to verify the accuracy of the program's self-study findings; and
3. Accreditation Decision made by a 3 person NAEYC Commission.

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Eligibility - Local sites participating in the Keys to Quality Project must be a collaborative community team representing a 3-way partnership among programs serving young children including:

- at least 1 public school kindergarten which provides inclusive services for children both with and without disabilities;
- at least 1 public school preschool; and
- at least 1 community based early care and education program serving children both with and without disabilities.

Geographic area served - Statewide

Fees - None for Keys to Quality Accreditation Project. There are both self-study and validation visit fees charge to programs that go through the NAEYC accreditation process. These fees are based on program size. The Keys to Quality Accreditation Project covers the cost of these fees for project participants.

Brief summary of services relevant to this population - Project benefits include:

1. Enhances quality programs for children and families;
2. Promotes team work within programs between administrative and teaching staff, between programs and families, and across programs in communities;

3. Increases staff knowledge and skills through training and individualized TA by project staff who are trained NAEYC validators;
4. Links sites to others who have been or are going through the process and to supports such as the RI Department of Education, CHILDSPAN, and RIAEYC (RI Association for the Education of Young Children);
5. Pays accreditation costs for local sites (self-study and validation visit fees);
6. Provides three Professional Development Credits (PDCs) for all RIDE certified project participants whose program completes the self-study and receives accreditation;
7. Provides recognition that local sites meet nationally recognized standards for quality. Accreditation is valid for three years; and
8. Facilitates school improvement activities for the School Accountability for Learning and Teaching (SALT).

Information on practices or materials available to share -

1. Brochure
2. Coaching Document
3. Key Ideas - topical handouts with tips on various aspects of the accreditation process.
4. Training and TA materials are available on loan through CHILDSPAN. These materials address a variety of topics such as those addressed by the accreditation process including:
 - Interactions among teachers and children
 - Curriculum (including working with children with and without disabilities)
 - Interactions among teachers and families
 - Administration
 - Staff qualifications and professional development
 - Staffing patterns
 - Physical environment
 - Health and safety
 - Nutrition and food service
 - Program evaluation
 - Family involvement
 - Inclusion of children with disabilities

Resource Contact Form

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Overall agency/program service description - PAL is a statewide, non-profit organization that was built on the need to support people with a disability and their families as they advocate for themselves. In order to accomplish this, PAL has been working in Rhode Island since 1984 to help raise personal expectations and define dreams. It promotes individual direction and supports through a variety of demonstration projects to provide respite and recreation opportunities to Rhode Islanders who have a disability and family members. They disseminate information on both the local and national level on such issues as inclusive education, self-advocacy, supported employment, and community-based leisure opportunities. PAL is committed to supporting families, individuals with disabilities, and their network of friends in their efforts to achieve their own personal dreams and to assume a social role of dignity and respect as a valued member of their community.

<i>Related to services to children ages Birth through Adulthood and their families</i>
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Eligibility - Individuals and families with disabilities, and their network of friends.

Geographic Area Served - Statewide

Fees - None

Brief Summary of Services Related to this Population

1. Provide families and individuals with disabilities accessible and creative education and training opportunities (designed to assist target audiences in becoming skilled advocates) by recognized leaders in the field of disabilities.
2. Offer assistance in developing partnerships to strengthen individual family abilities.
3. Improve quality of life of individuals with disabilities and their families by supporting them in achieving their maximum potential through increased independence as contributing members of our society.
4. Promote programs and supports that are both creative and individualized for individuals with disabilities and their families.
5. Offer peer mentor opportunities for individuals seeking to gain and maintain employment as well as speaking engagements to civic organizations, provider agencies and businesses on the topic of employing individuals with disabilities.

Resource Contact Form

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See also additional contacts at the state and local level which are attached:

- RI Department of Education Field Service System
- Local School District Special Education Directors
- Local School District Child Outreach Coordinators

Overall agency/program service description - The RIDE is the State Education Agency (SEA) responsible for ensuring the implementation of the Regulations of the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Governing the Special Education of Children With Disabilities from ages three (3) through twenty-one (21). These regulations define the scope of responsibilities of the Local Education Agency (LEA) in order to locate, identify, and provide special education and related services to any child / student with a disability, ages three (3) through twenty-one (21), in the least restrictive environment. Students with disabilities means those students evaluated in accordance with these regulations as having behavioral disorders, mental retardation, orthopedic impairments, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities, hearing impairments including deafness, speech or language impairments, visual impairments including blindness, multiple disabilities, deaf-blindness, traumatic brain injury or children aged three (3) through five (5) experiencing developmental delays. Any student identified as having one of these disabilities is eligible for special education on their third birthday until they have completed high school or reach the age of twenty-one (21). These services must be provided at public expense, meet the standards of the Rhode Island Department of Education, include preschool, elementary school, or secondary school education and be provided in conformity with an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

The regulations recognize and address the following principles:

1. That each student's needs are unique to him or her and can best be met by a program individually prescribed for him or her.
2. That the rights of the student and his or her parents must be protected, that positive steps be made to make parents aware of their rights, and that procedural safeguards be readily available to parents.
3. That school districts must aggressively seek out those students who need special services and provide a broad spectrum of those services.

4. That the eventual goal of special education is to assist each student with a disability to function to the best of his or her ability.

<i>Related to services to children ages Birth through 5 and their families</i>
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Eligibility - Children ages three (3) through five (5) who are experiencing developmental delays, as defined in the RI Regulations, or children who meet the eligibility criteria in one of the other disability categories described above.

Geographic area served - The State of Rhode Island through the local school districts.

Fees - Evaluations and services are provided at no cost to families, but school districts will seek private health insurance reimbursement when possible and Medicaid reimbursement in those districts enrolled as providers.

Brief summary of services relevant to this population -

1. *Child Outreach Screening* - This is a population-based developmental screening program available to all children ages three (3) through five (5) offered through the local school district. It provides families with information about their child's development and offers information about other resources that are available in the community. Children are screened in the areas of motor, language, cognition, behavior and socialization, speech, vision and hearing. If concerns emerge as a result of rescreening, a referral is made to the local school district's Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) for a more in-depth evaluation in order to determine eligibility for special education and related services.
2. *Evaluation and IEPs (Individualized Education Plans)* - Referrals for evaluation are made to the MDT who, along with the parent, decide whether an evaluation is warranted. After the evaluation is completed, the MDT and parent determine if the child is in need of special education. An IEP, developed by the IEP team, describes the child's strengths, needs and goals for the year. In addition, the IEP team determines the kind of services the child needs to meet those goals, as well as where those goals can best be met.
3. *Services* - For preschool-age children with disabilities, special education and related services are provided by the local school district in programs that represent the least restrictive environment and the appropriate placement, given the child's IEP. Unless the IEP requires otherwise, services are provided in that setting in which the child would typically be placed if they did not have a disability. Some options include placement in early care and education programs such as: Head Start private preschools approved by the Rhode Island Department of Education; child care centers licensed by the Department of Children, Youth and Families and integrated preschools within the public elementary schools or preschool special education classrooms. Home-based services are also available.

Information on practices or materials available to share - Family involvement; Child Outreach/Child Find screening, referrals, and evaluations; Service eligibility; Individual program planning; Primary and related services; Service delivery in settings which, to the maximum extent possible, are in natural settings typical for the age of the child and which educate children with disabilities along with children without disabilities; Transition; Confidentiality; Records transfer; Joint staff training; and Sharing child count data.

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Overall agency/program service description - This home visiting program provides comprehensive, integrated response and family support for multiple prenatal and pediatric preventive programs which identify women and children who are at risk for developmental delay, who have social risks, and/or who have fallen out of preventive care. Using teams of nurses, social workers and para-professional family workers, community-based networks of agencies provide services appropriate to family needs and priorities in a manner that is family-centered, culturally-sensitive, and coordinated within local systems of care.

<i>Related to services to children ages Birth through 5 and their families</i>
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Eligibility - Pregnant women and families with infants and young children (birth-5).

Geographic Area Served - Statewide with 6 regions (see attached)

Fees - None (funded by state and federal dollars).

Brief Summary of Services Related to this Population - (all services are home-based)

1. Home assessment (home environment; family assessment; parent-child attachment; family resources; supports and linkage to community resources; family concerns and priorities)
2. Family support, including development of a family support plan
3. Health education (child development, lead, immunization, nutrition, etc.)
4. Parenting skill development
5. Observation and screening of child growth and development
6. Assistance completing children's preventive health care

Information on practices or materials available to share - Components of the Family Outreach Program: Family involvement, Child Outreach/Child Find screening, referrals and evaluation; service eligibility (children and families served); individual program planning; service delivery in settings (home) which, to the maximum extent possible, are in natural settings typical for the age of the child and which educate children with disabilities along with children without disabilities; resource sharing; transition; confidentiality; records transfer; joint staff training; sharing child count data.

As a community-based home visiting program which links families with supportive services, all of the above are components of the Family Outreach Program.

KIDS NET Family Outreach Program
Home Visiting Providers - Lead Agency Contact List

<i>Regions</i>	<i>Referral Lines</i>	<i>Managers</i>
Metropolitan Region: Barrington, Bristol, East Providence, Johnston, North Providence, Providence, Warren	Phone: 737-6050 x 104 1/800/348-6417 x 104 Fax: 738-0247	Kristine Campagna VNA of Care New England 255 Main Street Pawtucket, RI 02860 Phone: 728-9090; Fax: 728-4050
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Central Region: Cranston, Coventry, East Greenwich, West Greenwich, Warwick, West Warwick	Phone: 737-6050 x 104 1/800/348-6417 x 104 Fax: 738-0247	Kristine Campagna VNA of Care New England 255 Main Street Pawtucket, RI 02860 Phone: 728-9090; Fax: 728-4050
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Eastern Region: Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton	Phone: 682-2100 1/800/456-1195 Fax: 862-2111	Candace Powell Visiting Nurse Health Services 1184 East Main Road; PO Box 690 Portsmouth, RI 02871 Phone: 682-2100; Fax: 862-2111

Resource Contact Form

RI PARENT INFORMATION NETWORK (RIPIN)

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Overall agency/program service description - RIPIN is an umbrella agency coordinating twelve (12) diverse programs. RIPIN is also the state and federally designated site for both the Parent Training and Information Center (PTIC) and the Parent Information and Resource Center (PIRC).

The PTIC provides supports and education to parents of children with disabilities and is a clearinghouse for information on IDEA, specific disabilities, and community resources for both parents and professionals. Additional programming includes:

1. the *FACES Project* which provides parent facilitators through the educational collaboratives to assist parents in problem-solving and advocacy;
2. *Child Opportunity Zone (COZ) Resource Parents* in seven (7) COZs throughout the state who assist parents of children with disabilities;
3. *RI Transition to Independence and Employment which includes Parent Resource Specialists* who help parents and children with disabilities plan for life after high school;
4. *Mentoring Project* which provides opportunities for successful adults with disabilities the opportunity to provide support to high school students with disabilities; and
5. *Project Reach RI* which supports children with severe behavioral and emotional problems.

The PIRC:

- provides information, support, and education to parents of ALL children;
- acts as a clearinghouse for information for both parents and professionals regarding developmental or parenting concerns or questions;
- actively promotes parent involvement in their child's education; and
- provides technological opportunities for parents to be connected to their communities and state.

Additional PIRC programming includes:

1. oversight of the *Parents As Teachers(PAT) Program* - home visiting in fifteen (15) communities for parents of children from birth to three (3);

2. oversight of *Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)* - home visiting to provide school readiness skills to children from three (3) to five (5);
3. *Child Care Support Network* - provides on-site training for child care providers;
4. the *Right Question Project* - teaches parents how to successfully communicate with school districts and other authority figures; and
5. *Family Voices* - National network for providing support to children with health care needs.

<i>Related to services to children ages Birth through 5 and their families</i>
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Eligibility, Geographic Area Served and Brief Summary of Services Related to this Population -

- To access the information, training, and clearinghouse functions of *RIPIN*, there are no eligibility criteria. Parents just need to call or e-mail the agency.
- To access support, training, or information regarding emotional, health, developmental, or disability related issues, parents and professionals just need to call or e-mail *RIPIN*.
- To access the *Parents As Teachers (PAT) Program* for birth to three (3) year olds, parents must reside in one (1) of the following communities or be eligible for early intervention services from Meeting Street.

Bristol	Central Falls	Coventry	Cranston
Foster	Jamestown	Meeting Street	Middletown
Newport	North Kingstown	Pawtucket	South Kingstown
Warren	Warwick	Western Coventry	Woonsocket

- To access the *Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)* for three (3) to five (5) year olds, parents must reside in one of the following communities:

Burrillville	Central Falls	Cumberland	Johnston
Lincoln	Pawtucket	Providence	

Fees - There are no fees for any services, programming or training for parents or professionals.

Information on practices or materials available to share - Family involvement; Child Outreach/Child Find screening, referrals, and evaluations; Service eligibility; Individual program planning; Primary and related services; Service delivery in settings which, to the maximum extent possible, are in natural settings typical for the age of the child and which educate children with disabilities along with children without disabilities; Resource Sharing; Transition; Confidentiality; Joint staff training; and Sharing child count data.

Both *PAT* and *HIPPY* provide information on all of these topics. *RIPIN* also provides workshops, support, information, and training to parents and professionals working with ALL children birth to five (5).

Resource Contact Form

RI SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DUAL SENSORY IMPAIRMENT

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RI Services For Children and Youth With Dual Sensory Impairment
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Rhode Island College
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Overall agency/program service description

This federally funded project provides training and technical assistance related to services to children and youth with dual sensory impairments (vision and hearing impairments).

<i>Related to services to children ages Birth through 5 and their families</i>
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Eligibility - Children birth to 22 years old who reside within Rhode Island are eligible for services, and must have impairments in both vision and hearing.

Individuals with a dual sensory impairment means children and youth having auditory and visual impairments, the combination of which creates such severe communication and other developmental and learning needs that they cannot be appropriately educated without special education and related services, beyond those that would be provided solely for children with hearing impairments, visual impairments, or severe disabilities, to address their educational needs due to these concurrent disabilities. (Federal Register, October 11, 1991, p. 51585).

Project staff welcome the opportunity to assist in determining a child's eligibility by observation and analysis of the child's medical and educational records.

Geographic Area Served - State of Rhode Island

Fees - Free

Brief Summary of Services Related to this Population

1. *Family support* - Supports each family throughout their child's education and helps families make realistic decisions regarding their child's participation in current and future settings.
2. *Child support* - Works with a child's strengths to identify communication systems, learning styles, Individual Educational Plan development, material and curriculum modification, and alternative assessment techniques.
3. *Professional support* - Provides the educational community with ongoing education through personal consultation, inservices for parents, teachers and related staff, and university courses within the Department of Special Education at Rhode Island College. The focus of professional support includes:

- the unique needs of children and youth with vision and hearing impairments;
- techniques on the successful inclusion of students with dual sensory impairments in general education settings; and
- information and access to resources which support families and educators in the area of recreation, communication, assessment, and program planning.

Information on practices or materials available to share - Family involvement, service eligibility (children and families served), service delivery in settings which, to the maximum extent possible, are in natural settings typical for the age of the child and which educate children with disabilities, along with children without disabilities.

Resource Contact Form

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

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Social Security Office
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Providence, RI 02903
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Overall agency/program service description
Retirement, Survivors, Disability and SSI Benefits

<i>Related to services to children ages Birth through 5 and their families</i>
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Eligibility - Children under 5 could be eligible for SSI Disability benefits.

Geographic Area Served - State of Rhode Island

Fees - None

Resource Contact Form

UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.

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Cranston, RI 02905
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Website: www.UCPRI.org

Overall agency/program service description - Supporting all people with disabilities

- a) Adult education
- b) Children and Family services
- c) Supportive living

<i>Related to services to children ages Birth through 5 and their families</i>
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Eligibility - Any child with a developmental disability

Geographic Area Served - State of Rhode Island

Fees - None

Information on practices or materials available to share - Family involvement; service eligibility (children and families served); individual program planning; primary and related services; resource sharing; transition; assistive technology.

The family support program is designed to assist families in information and support that they may be eligible for. They also provide EPSDT planning and implementation.

Resource Contact Form

CHILD OPPORTUNITY ZONE (COZ) FAMILY CENTERS

Contact Persons

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- Local Level Contacts:

Overall agency/program service description -

<i>Related to services to children ages Birth through 5 and their families</i>
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Eligibility -

Geographic area served -

Fees - None

Brief summary of services relevant to this population -

Information on practices or materials available to share -